



Ms. Joan Ann Royster Stewart

January 19, 1938 - August 23, 2025

Joan Ann Royster Stewart was born to Will Royster and Annie Thrower Royster on January 19, 1938, in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. She was the seventh of nine children. Her siblings were William (Dickie), Pauline, Rome (Bucky), Linwood (Lennie), Juanita, Shirley, Geraldine, and Don.

She attended the Anne Arundel County School System. Joan was a member of Community Baptist Church for many years. She served in many capacities including the Missionary Board, the Hospitality Committee and the Women's Progressive League.

She was mother to Ann Taresse, James Antonio, Jansalena, and Venus Lavonne.

She married Kenneth B. Stewart in February 1986 and she welcomed his children into the fold and they became a blended family with Rhonda, Anthony, Roxanne and Kenneth, Jr.

She was a cook from the heart. There isn't a house in the Pumphrey community that did not experience her hospitality and cuisine. She fed countless who traveled through Maryland down through the years. Her love for others was far reaching. She also loved to go crabbing, playing cards and in her later years she loved to cruise with her family.

In her declining days she relied not only on her daughter and son-in-law, Ann and William, but also her grandchildren, Douglas, Ebony, Antresse and Isaiah.

Joan is preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth B. Stewart; her parents, Will Royster and Annie Thrower Royster; son, James Antonio; stepdaughter, Roxanne; siblings, William (Dickie), Pauline, Rome (Bucky), Linwood (Lennie), Juanita, and Geraldine.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her children Ann Taresse Dockery (William) of Stedman, NC; Jansalena Sutton of Baltimore, MD; Venus Harris (Gary) of Anne Arundel County, MD; Rhonda Oliver of Baltimore, MD; Anthony Stewart of Rockingham, NC; and Kenneth, Jr., of Baltimore, MD; her sister, Shirley Price of Odenton, MD and her brother, Don Royster (Vertie) of Denver, NC; her best friend, Vivian Johnson; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

One of her favorite mottos is 'Keep God in Front, You Behind, and All Others Will be Fine, and Let Nothing and No One Turn You Around'

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral Service

SEP 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Livestreaming

SEP 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Facebook: Colvin Funeral Home and Crematory-Fayetteville & Lumberton
<https://www.facebook.com/ColvinFuneralHomeCORP/>

Burial

SEP 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

LaFayette Memorial Park Cemetery
2301 Ramsey Street
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Joan Ann Royster Stewart*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - September 02, 2025 at 11:21 AM

PM

Our sincere condolences to you Bishop Ann Dockery. Lady Maxeen and I grieve with you during this time of loss. Our King is able to strengthen, comfort and sustain you. He will never leave you, thats his promise. He has you and the entire family covered with inner strength. We will always be praying for you and the family not only now, but in the days, weeks, months and years ahead. We could not attend the service today 9/2 But know we are holding you up in prayer, grace and Gods empowerment. We love you, and continue to pray not only for your spiritual strength, but also for your physical well being. May his PEACE rest on you always, as the Holyghost helps you to navigate forward. Much Blessings and Love. Pastor Delroy Barnes and Lady Maxeen Barnes.

Pastor Delroy and Lady Maxeen - September 02, 2025 at 01:52 PM

DD

“ *Ms. Pete may you rest peacefully with the angels. Thank you for always welcoming me and my children in your home and accepting us as part of your family. My favorite thing you always said "yes indeedy". Im sorry we were unable to come today. We have been thinking of everyone and we send our love. Danielle and family*



Danielle M Denoncourt - September 02, 2025 at 01:23 PM

JA

Thank you. I'm Jan

jan - September 05, 2025 at 10:01 AM

VH

“ *Venus Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Ann Royster Stewart*



Venus Harris - September 01, 2025 at 03:03 PM

VH

“ *My most treasured memories of my mother is when we see and Jen were just little girls my mother purchased crosses for us and if you held these crosses up to the light you can ring the 23rd song do it I remember my mom as my first choice I ever remember my mom handeeither song this is always going to give you peace and it's always going to bring you your heart hey*

Venus Harris - September 01, 2025 at 02:26 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Joan Ann Royster Stewart.*



August 31, 2025 at 06:29 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Joan Ann Royster Stewart.*



August 31, 2025 at 05:52 PM



“ *Crystal purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ms. Joan Ann Royster Stewart.*



Crystal - August 30, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ *Crystal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Joan Ann Royster Stewart.*

Crystal - August 30, 2025 at 06:50 PM

VE

“ Dear Bishop Ann Dockery,

Our prayers are with you and your entire family as you mourn the loss of Mommy Stewart, as we called her. That was our name for her because she was caring, nurturing and mothering to all who came across the threshold of her home. She fed us and fed us well. She served without fanfare, and she served well. Her legacy of hospitality and kindness will live on in our hearts.

You, Doc, your children and grandchildren cared for Mommy Stewart with love! Thank you for being such a good example!

Love, Venus D

Venus - August 28, 2025 at 04:47 PM

EG

“ To Bishop Ann T. Dockery,

I am saddened by the passing of Mommy Stewart, but our hearts are made glad by the memory of her. She has prepared many, many meals. She has opened her doors in hospitality. She has housed and shown love to those from near and far. I am grateful that you shared her with us.

May the Lord continue to strengthen you and bless you. You have been the example of a wonderful daughter. The Lord will not forget your work and labor of love.

Prayers and love to you, Minister Dockery and your entire family!

Mother Gordon

Elene Gordon - August 28, 2025 at 04:15 PM

AD

“ Mommy, I am so grateful to have had the honor to care for you and to show you my love. I will ever be grateful for the time we shared, our talks, our laughter and even our tears.

Though I miss you I am solaced that you have ceased from labor and are no longer in pain.

I have been blessed to be your daughter! Love Ann (Reese)

Ann T. Dockery - August 27, 2025 at 07:29 AM

TH

Grandma, although the majority of the family would love to see you laid to rest in your hometown. We can all agree the most important thing is you're no longer in pain. You've taught valuable lessons in my life and I am trying my best to honor you during this tough time. My siblings Tiffany and Gary Harris will join me in saying the last thing I said to you my dear sweet Grandma, goodbye for now. Take your well deserved rest and give Grandpa a big hug for me ❤️ - Tanisha Harper, Edgewood, MD

tanisha Harper - August 29, 2025 at 09:27 AM